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TO USOFFICE RFC PARIS

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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT IN BENIN

REF PARIS 33671

1. FOLLOWING FIVE WORKING DAY WAIT FOR APPOINTMENT, EMBOFFS WERE RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT DIRGEN OF BANQUE COMMERCIAL DU BENIN (BCB) 29 DZN. THE LETTER FROM RFC AUTHORIZING THE ACCOUNT (AND A TRANSLATION IN FRENCH) WAS PRESENTED. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WERE REVIEWED WITH HIM. HE PROMISED TO STUDY THE LETTER, RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN IT IN WRITING AND GIVE US THE NUMBER OF THE ACCOUNT BY JAN 2. IN THE MEANTIME, HE IS TAKING STEPS SO THAT BIAO PARIS CHECKS CAN CONTINUE TO BE USED UNTIL THE END OF JAN. HE INDICATED THAT BANK CHARGES WOULD BE A MATTER OF NEGOTIATION AS WOULD THE QUESTION OF INTEREST FOR THE ACCOUNT, BUT HE WOULD GO NO FARTHER THAN THAT. HE INFORMED US THAT THE CORRESPONDENT BANK FOR THE BCP IS MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST, 23 WALL ST., NY 10015, ALTHOUGH HE WAS LESS THAN CERTAIN IF THE RELATIONSHIP WAS IN FACT BEING USED.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: 1) AF/W TO VERIFY WITH MORTAN GUARANTY TRUST IF THE RELATIONSHIP WITH BCB IS CONSIDERED VALID AND IF MORTAN IS PREPARED TO SEND TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS TO BCB. 2) RFC PARIS TO FURNISH GUIANCE ON TYPICAL BANK CHARGES PAID IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO STHAT THE EMBASSY CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT LEVEL OF CHARGES WOULD BE REASONABLE. ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT INTEREST RATE EMBASSY MIGHT AIM OFR.

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